



Atty. Docket No. 42P15739

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Francis X. McKeen

Application No.: 10/644,399

Filing Date: August 19, 2003

For: A METHOD AND APPARATUS  
TO RETAIN SYSTEM CONTROL  
WHEN A BUFFER OVERFLOW  
ATTACK OCCURS

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

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Examiner:

Prior to examination of this application, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the following amendment.